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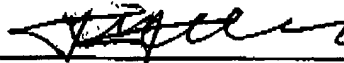
Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10-18, 25 and 26 have been allowed.

Rejected claims 22-24 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice, applicant reserving the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the canceled claims.

No issue remaining at bar, issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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